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Council On Aging Minutes 06/16/2011

ARLINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING
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 ARLINGTON, MA 02476

KAREN NICHOLS-CHAIR
 JOHN JOPE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING MINUTES FOR June 16, 2011

CALLED TO ORDER at 4:10 pm by Ann FitzGerald, Sec, presiding for Karen Nichols

MINUTES of May 19, 2011- one correction: delete word 'is' in 4th sentence (he lives at the).
 Minutes voted and accepted as corrected.

MEMBERS PRESENT-Sue Culhane, Annette Bender, Joanne Morel, Harry McCabe,
 Bill Carey, Lucilia Prates, Ann FitzGerald, absent Karen Nichols

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM- Override passed for 6.5 million dollars, real estate taxes will increase 7.5% annually for 3 years,
 members expressed concern for low-income senior
 homeowners trying to retain their homes.

REPORTS-

OUTGOING CHAIR- Former Chair Ann at request of Council to restate our request for \$70,000 CDBG funds was not able to
 appeal to Selectmen at either June 6 or June 13 meetings. Ann drafted a letter dated May 20, 2011 to be included in Selectmen's
 packet, regarding restoration of CDBG funds minus 16.7% reduction of \$11,700 from \$70,000.
 As a Town Meeting member Ann read the letter on May 23, 2011 when Warrant Article # 53 was brought forward. No changes
 could be made by Town Meeting as CDBG funding source is Federal, however the CDBG Committee Chair Ann LaCourt
 responded that if the Override passes the Town Manager would give \$30,000 to the Transportation Enterprise Program. She stated
 there must be a communication problem at HHS. Apparently there was some discussion about \$30,000 with the Ms. Connolly but
 not clarified for Executive Director to pass on to Council.

Ann did not appear at the June 13, 2011 meeting as the matter of funds was clarified for the Council. The amount of money
 allocated for Arlex Taxi Co. remains on books as unspent so that prevented Council from receiving full amount of CDBG funds
 and will be an impediment until issue is resolved by Town Counsel. The deadline was June 3, 2011.
 Harry requested a change in letter of May 20, 2011 regarding \$11,700 be used as 16.7% reduction figure from \$70,000 not
 \$58,300 as stated.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. New DART contract signed with Arlington Taxi of Belmont for one way subsidized fare client pays \$3.00 subsidy of \$5.45 total
 \$8.45. Client pays \$5.00 per year and must register per Federal guidelines. New contract goes into effect July 1, 2011.

2. Formula Grant MA funding for 2012 has yet to be finalized. If held to \$6.25 per senior over 60 x 9,315 seniors = \$58,218 for clinicians salaries only. Grant covers 50% SW and 90% of Geriatric nurse salaries.

3. Food Pantry needs volunteers. They need volunteers 2nd Tuesday and last Saturday of the month.

4. The Friends 5K race will be Sept.11, 2011 10 am. Volunteers needed.

5. Transportation Work Group created by HHS includes staff of HHS meets weekly to investigate ways in which senior transportation needs in Arlington can be identified and met. Current system is outmoded, unwieldy, segmented and unable to be maintained. At future point representatives from COA Board, the Friends, the ASA, Vision 20/20 may be called upon to sit in. Just getting started. Members expressed interest in becoming part of this Group as Annette, John, Bill have done such a great job mobilizing seniors on Transportation issues and had transportation included in 20/20 survey 2011.

6. Symmes Medical Use Non-Profit Corporation Grant was submitted June 2, 2011. Each member sent a copy for discussion. John reviewed the major points of the grant, \$40,000 for Consultant to review Transportation Program, \$40,000 for implementation, computers and training for scheduling and the \$20,000 for subsidizing Transportation program and van rides. Phase 2 will be a Power Point presentation to Symmes Committee on finances.

Ann responded to question why did we need this new program, answered that Symmes

Committee not willing to fund ongoing programs, that new grant shows the willingness to change, update, make the Program more efficient but that we need financial help to achieve this goal.

Harry asked why asking for so much money and how it related to medical needs. Ann replied access to care and the continuity of care essential through transportation to MD visits, out patient treatments and procedures. We received \$15,000 last year and now we are asking for \$100,000 to scrutinize program consultants, marketing information, new computers and subsidy for Transportation Program.

John responded by stating that manual system was outmoded, inefficient and hard to recoup data for statistics, prevent redundancy and overhead costs and as need grows for frail elders we will need to expand this service.

Harry wondered why grant request not submitted by Ann COA. Ann's Response was that the Transportation Group ideas were more comprehensive and if successful would help with future funding. Ann stated we had been turned down by two funding sources already and that Symmes had been generous to HHS last year and COA as well. She also was doubtful if Town would fund new equipment and training at this time and in future.

Harry wanted to know if Ann would be following through with Grant to Phase 2. He also stated we all should participate in grant process and that we want input and representation in the Transportation Group. John will keep us up to date.

7. Arthur Budnik 2011 recipient of n4Metlife Foundation Silver Team Spirit Award-

Nominated by Joan Butler MSS for his SHINE work, Founding of Friends, Medical Escort, fund raising. He was also nominated by John Johe. Congratulations to Art!

MINUTEMAN SENIOR SERVICES- longtime Board member from Lincoln passed away.

ASA-.Karen N., Chair COA attended ASA to promote health Fair and recruit Volunteers 8 persons are willing to assist.

LIASON TO ASA- Sue two meetings canceled, annual meeting luncheon July 17, 2011 at Senior Center.

MEMBERSHIP-no new members, 3 reappointments

FRIENDS OF COA, ARL-.members suggested we host a reception for Art for all his hard work and dedication to raising funds for COA and have a proclamation put forth by Selectmen. The 2nd 5K Race will take place on Sunday September 11, 2011. He will have a table at Health Fair.

TRANSPORTATION- Annette-What happened to COA inclusion in new Transportation Group? We had our own Group which did outreach, workshops, meetings and 2020 survey. HHS was aware of the work done. Where did this new plan come from? We need a liason from COA to HHS Committee. Ann will talk to Karen as Chair then approach Christine Connolly.

HEALTH FAIR FORUM JUNE 18, 2011-Annette stated there are 40 vendors coming, 16-20 volunteers, including the 8 from ASA (Ann). The event is well publicized on ALERT, Arlington LISTSERV, ACMI cable, circulars left at MGH, Mt. Auburn, USPO, ASA, 140 Eleanor Roosevelt Workshop, A DOG meeting, Town Hall by Harry.

Raffles and signs are coming from Bob Brown. Sara Alfaro-Franco will video tape the Fair and she would like 2 people, thank you, Karen and Joanne to act as hostesses. Dayna McCabe, Harry's niece and Alan Maltz to take photos. Good luck to Chris and Annette!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Ann called Shirley Chapski former secretary to the Council who was ill. She is feeling better but has to take better care. She appreciated the warm thoughts from everyone.

5K Race is September 11, 2011 Sunday, volunteers needed, walkers welcome.

Please sign up for town Day Saturday September 17,2011 9am until 3pm.

Unless emergency meeting needed next meeting is Thursday September 15, 2011 at 4pm.

Review of Policies and Procedures in September.

Meet with Christine Connolly regarding role of COA and liason to Transportation Committee.
Reception for Arthur B.

Enjoy summer. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:10 PM

Respectfully transcribed by Ann FitzGerald Secretary

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